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REMARKS

Claim 2 is hereby elected subject to traverse.

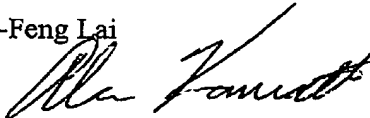
It is respectfully submitted that even if the stationery clip could be manufactured by a materially different process, it will be necessary to search and examine the stationery clip of claims 3 and 4 in order to search and examine claim 2 as claim 2 is clearly the preferred method of manufacture the clip of claims 3 and 4. Thus, search of the preferred stationery clip would also be required. Likewise, the method of claim 2 utilizes the mold assembly of claim 1 so it will be necessary to search for the molds of claim 1 as the preferred structure to perform the method of claim 2. Thus, search of the preferred mold assembly would also be required. In this regard, the Examiner has not indicated that any extra effort would be required for searching and/or examination.

Thus, for patent office economics and efficiencies, the restriction requirement should be withdrawn.

Favorable consideration and allowance are respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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